



# CDBG Imminent Threat Grant

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## Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Imminent Threat Grants assist eligible Washington State communities in meeting unique, emergency needs that pose a serious, immediate threat to public health and safety. They provide interim solutions to problems of an urgent nature until funding for a permanent solution can be secured. The Washington State CDBG Imminent Threat Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## Funds Available

Approximately \$200,000 will be available for Imminent Threat Grants in 2010. However, if additional funds are needed to meet an imminent threat to public health or safety, funds may be used from the CDBG Contingency Fund.

## Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are Washington State cities and towns with population less than 50,000 or counties with population less than 200,000 that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a HUD Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and special purpose organizations such as public housing authorities, port districts, community action agencies, and economic development councils, are not eligible to apply directly to the CDBG Program for funding, but may be partners in projects and subrecipients of funding through eligible jurisdictions.
- Eligible activities must be compatible with CDBG eligible activities that include but are not limited to improvements to water, sewer and drainage facilities.
- Applicants must be experiencing an immediate and urgent threat to public health or safety, verified by an independent source and supported by a formal declaration of emergency.
  - Only eligible costs incurred after the emergency is formally declared can be reimbursed.
  - Projects funded by CDBG must be completed within 90 days from the execution date of the contract.
  - If approved, funding will become available once the grant contract with the Department of Commerce is fully executed.

## Application Requirements

An application may be submitted at any time, but will be awarded on a funds available basis. The application must contain the following:

1. An official declaration of emergency by the governing body of the applying city, town, or county.
2. Answers to series of questions which seek to establish the scope, severity, validity, history and impact of the imminent threat.
3. A Project Summary Form.
4. Independent verification of the problem.
5. The appropriate CDBG threshold certifications, resolutions, and forms.

Applications are evaluated by CDBG staff and verified through contacts with independent sources and site visits, if appropriate.